

Claims

1. An internet capability provided as a user selectable function of a broadcast data receiver, said capability allowing the opening and retention of at least two window displays of internet data and allowing the user selective display of one of the windows on a display screen connected to the broadcast data receiver at any one time, each window display displaying a page from a user selected internet site and characterised in that when a window display is generated in response to a user selection, information data relating to that window is entered into an information display viewable on the display screen and information is added to the information display for each window display which is generated and available for viewing.

2 An internet capability according to claim 1 characterised in that only one of the window displays can be displayed at any one time on the display screen.

3 An internet capability according to claim 1 characterised in that the display screen is a television screen.

4 An internet capability according to claim 1 characterised in that the information display is continuously displayed when the internet capability is in use via the broadcast data receiver.

5 An internet capability according to claim 4 characterised in that the information displays information for each of the window displays which has been opened following a user selection and is available for viewing at that instant.

6 An internet capability according to claim 1 characterised in that when a window display is closed by the user, the

information data relating to that window is deleted from the information display.

7 An internet capability according to claim 1 characterised in that the information display includes the display of a title for each of the window displays available for selection.

8 An internet capability according to claim 1 characterised in that in addition to indicating the identity of each of the windows available for user selection, the information display is interactive and includes one or a range of options to allow user control of the window which is displayed.

9 An internet capability according to claim 8 characterised in that the interaction includes the option for the user to activate or select to view a window indicated on the information display which then causes the selected window to be displayed across the display screen.

10 An internet capability according to claim 8 characterised in that the information display includes a user selectable option to close the window.

11 An internet capability according to claim 1 characterised in that the window display selected for display is displayed across the entire display screen with the exception of the information display.

12 An internet capability according to claim 11 characterised in that the information display stretches across the length of the display screen and is split into sections, each section indicating a particular window display available for viewing.

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13 An internet capability according to claim 12 characterised in that the length of each section decreases as the number of available window displays increases.

14. A broadcast data receiver for the reception of data broadcast from a remote location and the processing of the same to allow the generation of user selectable television programmes displayed via a television set connected to or provided with the broadcast data receiver, said broadcast data receiver interactive with a user via a remote control, and including as a user selectable additional function, an internet capability, said capability controlled by the user via the remote control device and each window display generated from the internet capability is required to be displayed across the display screen of the television set with one window display shown at a time and characterised in that an information display is also shown on the display screen during the use of the internet capability, said information display generated to indicate information identifying each of the window displays which are live and available for viewing at that time, regardless of whether or not the window display is being displayed on the display screen at that time.

15. A broadcast data receiver according to claim 14 characterised in that the information display includes an indicator to indicate which of the window displays is being displayed on the screen at that instant.

16. A broadcast data receiver according to claim 14 characterised in that when a user selects to open a window display from the internet, information data identifying that window display is added to a memory in the broadcast data receiver and, the information data held in the memory is used by

the broadcast data receiver to generate the information display at that instant.

17. A broadcast data receiver according to claim 14 characterised in that when a window display is closed by the user, the information data is removed from the memory and hence the information display.

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